

Foundation announces the following meeting:

Name: Advisory Panel for Long-Term Projects in Environmental Biology (#1752).

Date and Time: February 6-7, 1995: 8:00 am to 5:00 pm each day.

Place: Room 360, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230.

Type of Meeting: Closed.

Contact Person: Dr. James R. Estes, Program Director, Long-Term Projects in Environmental Biology, Room 635, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: (703) 306-1479.

Purpose of Meeting: To provide advice and recommendations concerning proposals submitted to NSF for financial support.

Agenda: To review and evaluate Biotic Survey and Inventory proposals as part of the selection process for awards.

Reason for Closing: The proposals being reviewed include information of proprietary or confidential nature, including technical information: financial data, such as salaries; and personal information concerning individuals associated with the proposals. These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c), (4) and (6) of the Government Sunshine Act.

Reason for Late Notice: Difficulty in selecting participants.

Date: January 17, 1995.

M. Rebecca Winkler,

Committee Management Officer.

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Special Emphasis Panel in Physics; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting.

Name: Special Emphasis Panel in Physics (1208).

Date and Time: Wednesday, February 8, 1995; 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Place: Room 365, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230.

Type of Meeting: Closed.

Contact Person: Dr. Gino Segre, Program Director for Theoretical Physics, Division of Physics, Room 1015, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: (703) 306-1889.

Purpose of Meeting: To provide advice and recommendations concerning proposals submitted to NSF for financial support.

Agenda: To review and evaluate Theoretical Physics Career proposals as part of the selection process for awards.

Reason for Closing: The proposals being reviewed include information of a proprietary or confidential nature, including technical information; financial data, such as salaries; and personal information concerning individuals associated with the proposals. These matters are exempt under 5

U.S.C. 552b(c), (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

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Special Emphasis Panel in Physics; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting.

Name: Special Emphasis Panel in Physics (#1208).

Date and time: February 6-7, 1995 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Place: Harvard University, Physics Department, Room: Jefferson 462, 17A Oxford Street, Cambridge, MA 02138.

Type of meeting: Closed.

Contact person: Barry I. Schneider, Program Director for Atomic, Molecular and Optical Physics, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd, Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone (703) 306-1890.

Purpose of meeting: To advise the National Science Foundation on the project "Manipulating Matter with Light" (Light Force Project).

Agenda

To review and evaluate the current state and plans of the Light Force Project and to provide advice and guidance for successful management of the Project in its remaining three years of funding.

Reason for Closing

The project plans being reviewed include information of a proprietary or confidential nature, including technical information; information on personnel and proprietary data for present and future subcontracts. These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c), (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

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Special Emphasis Panel in Polar Programs; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting.

Name and committee code: Special Emphasis Panel in Polar Programs (1209).

Date and time: February 08, 09, 10; 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM.

Place: Room 360, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230.

Type of meeting: Closed.

Contact person: Dr. Patrick J. Webber, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: (703) 306-1029.

Purpose of meeting: To provide advice and recommendations concerning proposals submitted to NSF for financial support.

Agenda

To review and evaluate Ocean/Atmosphere/Ice Interactions nominations/applications as part of the selection process for awards.

Reason for Closing

The proposals being reviewed include information of a proprietary or confidential nature, including technical information; financial data, such as salaries and personal information concerning individuals associated with the proposals. These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c) (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

Dated: January 17, 1995.

M. Rebecca Winkler,

Committee Management Officer.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. STN 50-454, STN 50-455, STN 50-456, and STN 50-457]

Commonwealth Edison Company; Byron Station, Units 1 and 2, and Braidwood Station, Units 1 and 2 Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) is considering issuance of amendments to Facility Operating License Nos. NPF-37 and NPF-66, issued to Commonwealth Edison Company (ComEd, the licensee) for operation of Byron Station, Unit Nos. 1 and 2, located in Ogle County, Illinois, and to Facility Operating License Nos. NPF-72 and NPF-77 for operation of Braidwood Station, Unit Nos. 1 and 2, located in Will County, Illinois.

Environmental Assessment

Identification of Proposed Action

By letter dated November 7, 1994, Commonwealth Edison Company (ComEd, the licensee) requested changes to the technical specifications (TS) for Byron Stations, Units 1 and 2, and Braidwood Station, Units 1 and 2, to permit the use of higher enriched fuel and to specify the spent fuel storage requirements for Regions 1 and 2 of the spent fuel pools.

The proposed changes would allow for the storage of fuel with enrichment not to exceed a nominal 5.0 weight

percent (w/o) Uranium 235 (U-235 in the spent fuel storage racks. An enrichment manufacturing tolerance of ± 0.05 percent U-235 about the nominal value was incorporated into the analysis.

The purposed action is in accordance with the licensee's application for amendment dated November 7, 1994, as supplemented by letter dated December 16, 1994.

The Need for Proposed Action

The proposed changes are needed so that the licensee can use higher fuel enrichment to provide the flexibility of extending the fuel irradiation and to reduce the number of new fuel assemblies required per reload which will reduce spent fuel storage space requirements.

Environmental Impacts of the Proposed Action

The Commission has completed its evaluation of the proposed revisions to the TS. The proposed revisions would permit use of fuel enriched to a nominal 5.0 weight percent U-235. The safety considerations associated with reactor operation with higher enrichment and extended irradiation have been evaluated by the NRC staff. The staff has concluded that such changes would not adversely affect plant safety. The proposed changes have no adverse effect on the probability of any accident. The higher enrichment, with fuel burnup to 60,000 megawatt days per metric ton Uranium, may slightly change the mix of fission products that might be released in the event of a serious accident, but such small changes would not significantly affect the consequences of serious accidents. No changes are being made in the types or amounts of any radiological effluents that may be released offsite. There is no significant increase in the allowable individual or cumulative occupational radiation exposure.

The environmental impacts of transportation resulting from the use of higher enrichment fuel and extended irradiation were published and discussed in the staff assessment entitled, "NRC Assessment of the Environmental Effects of Transportation Resulting from Extended Fuel Enrichment and Irradiation," dated July 7, 1988, and published in the **Federal Register** (53 FR 30355) on August 11, 1988, as corrected on August 24, 1988 (53 FR 32322) in connection with Shearon Harris Nuclear Power Plant, Unit 1: Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact. As indicated therein, the environmental cost contribution of the proposed

increase in the fuel enrichment and irradiation limits are either unchanged or may, in fact, be reduced from those summarized in Table S-4 as set forth in 10 CFR 51.52(c). These findings are applicable to Byron, Units 1 and 2, and Braidwood, Units 1 and 2. Accordingly, the Commission concludes that there are no significant radiological environmental impacts associated with the proposed amendment.

With regard to potential nonradiological impacts, the proposed action involves features located entirely within the restricted area as defined in 10 CFR Part 20. It does not affect non-radiological plant effluents and has no other environmental impact. Accordingly, the Commission concludes that there are no significant non-radiological environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

Alternative to the Proposed Action

Since the Commission concluded that there are no significant environmental effects that would result from the proposed action, any other alternative would have equal or greater environmental impacts and need not be evaluated.

As an alternative to the proposed action, the staff considered denial of the proposed action. Denial of the application would result in a change in current environmental impacts. The environmental impacts of the proposed action and the alternative action are similar.

Alternative Use of Resources

This action does not involve the use of any resources not previously considered in the Final Environmental Statement related to operation of Byron, Units 1 and 2, and Braidwood, Units 1 and 2.

Agencies and Persons Consulted

In accordance with its stated policy, the staff consulted with the Illinois State Official regarding the environmental impact of the proposed action. The State official had no comments.

Finding of No Significant Impact

Based upon the foregoing environmental assessment, we conclude that the proposed action will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment. Accordingly, the Commission has determined not to prepare an environmental impact statement for the proposed license amendments.

For further details with respect to this action, see the application for amendments dated November 7, 1994, as supplemented by letter dated

December 16, 1994, which are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, The Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC, and at the local public document room for Byron Station, the Byron Public Library, 109 N. Franklin, P.O. Box 434, Byron, Illinois, and for Braidwood Station, the Wilmington Township Public Library, 201 S. Kankakee Street, Wilmington, Illinois.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 13th day of January 1995.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Clyde Y. Shiraki,

Acting Director, Project Directorate III-2, Division of Reactor Projects—III/IV, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards; Subcommittee Meeting on Thermal Hydraulic Phenomena; Notice of Meeting

The ACRS Subcommittee on Thermal Hydraulic Phenomena will hold a meeting on January 27, 1995, Room T-2B3, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

The entire meeting will be open to public attendance, with the exception of a portion that may be closed to discuss General Electric Nuclear Energy (GENE) proprietary information pursuant to (5 U.S.C. 552b)(4)).

The agenda for the subject meeting shall be as follows:

Friday, January 27, 1995—8:30 a.m. Until the Conclusion of Business

The Subcommittee will continue its review of the issues associated with the NRC staff Safety Evaluation Report supporting modifications to the Emergency Procedure Guidelines to address BWR core power stability/ATWS. The purpose of this meeting is to gather information, analyze relevant issues and facts, and to formulate proposed positions and actions, as appropriate, for deliberation by the full Committee.

Oral statements may be presented by members of the public with the concurrence of the Subcommittee Chairman; written statements will be accepted and made available to the Committee. Electronic recordings will be permitted only during those portions of the meeting that are open to the public, and questions may be asked only by members of the Subcommittee, its consultants, and staff. Persons desiring to make oral statements should notify the cognizant ACRS staff engineer